PEACHAM'S CENTENNIAL.

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Before the afternoon toasts the morn included a selection by the Sherman bridge, presenting

The Present Condition and the Future Prospects of the School.

Many things have changed and are changing still, both in methods of private school work in general and in the things to well known to be more than

referred to. In place of a room for recitations only, with the students lodged at random about the village, the modern private school follows the dormitory system, bringing its pupils into that constant and intimate relation with each other and with their teachers which is expected to develop the moral character as it is done in the best home life.

With so many academies and high schools established in neighboring towns this has become largely a local school, drawing its pupils from Peacham and those nearby towns which do not lie upon a railroad. Its number of pupils remains almost the same from year to

These things being so, what are the future prospects of the school? That the school has fewer pupils than it had 40 years ago; that they no longer come from distant places seems to me referable to changed conditions outside the town and outside the school, and by no means that some of them may not be met. As matter for discouragement. That a school or college should always be growing in number of pupils; that every Freshman class should be "the largest ever entered" is not at all necessary to its continued success. It this school was once more to draw its pupils from distant counties and states it must change wholly its traditions and equipments, build a dormitory and gather its pupils into a family. A boarcing school which different and opposing systems. This state does not lack good boarding schools, and it I had the power I would all abroad for its field, but that the one where it is placed is enough for honor and for use. If it can assure to every wide a training as the times demand, no school has a brighter prospect.

The average public high school is made is situated, of various nationalities, and while not all its best pupils are of New England stock, it is not reasonable to expect appreciation of knowledge, readiness of apprehension, or that fund of home culture which is the best toundation for good school work among children none of whose ancestors could read and write.

to be of benefit to himself or without serious discomfort to his teacher.

vous worry over efforts to keep order educated at the Caledonia County Gram-

Now in my opinion and that of Miss Dimond we have found a close approach | Choate. It is not the name which makes to the ideal school. Not all our pupils the man, but the man which makes the are intellectual wonders, and not all of name. It is the men and women of Cale then appropried that as a starter they them are absolutely devoted to study, doma county that give to it its name, all but from our previous experience and other things are similar to those in other from the comments of those to whom we counties. In Caledonia county is Peachhave described the work of the school am, entitled to everlasting gratitude we believe no boys and girls can be from the fact that here was born and has Mr. Strong and Mr. Ricker, Sr., each tound more apt to learn, more attentive lived for 100 years an Academy, in the giving \$50 A large number of \$5 gits or more well disposed than those we rooms of which the good work done canhave had under our charge during the past two years. In such a body of stu this Academy for all that is good continue dents, and in the certainty of its constant for another hundred years. renewal from like sources hes hope enough for the lature prospects of the good specimen of the old-tashioned domi-

and college lacks money and would old Peacham, though all the wealth or Klondike were "In the Ea poured into it. Any one familiar with Martin. Mr. Martin told several inter | 500 people were present and greatly which its uschalless to the community days. Sentiment brought this crowd

Now that the public schools of the state it has been instrumental in bringing these are provided with free books the Acad- people together. emy is at a disadvantage. Often papals is constant and evident.

greatly hampers our work. At present longer a spring cheken. Fortunate incourse without Greek, where a definite in the dear old town and attended amount of laboratory work is required. Peacham Academy to receive knowledge and the note book of the pupil is de | under that prince of drill masters, Charles | Gen. Wm. Chamberlain, with approprimanded as evidence of the practical A. Bunker. Amglad of this centennial, nature of such work.

There is no study more fascina ing or grand old school. more serviceable than physics when sible task to teach physics without eral support. apparatus.

There is no need of saying anything pupils do not, many of them, lack exercise in various directions, but they do

small sum of money would go far here. An inadequte teaching torce is our chief I time, no women's clubs,

hindrance. That ancient person who said "I have taken all knowledge for my province" probably taught in some academy of his time, and was called upon to give in rapid succession instruction in a dozen different and unrelated ing programme was finished, which subjects. Things have changed since his day. It is only now and then a person orchestra and a paper by Principal Cam- teach it. With the number of pupils we have another teacher, to make our recitation periods longer, and to give each teacher fewer subjects.

New England is covered with dead academies, flourishing once during the life of one or two good teachers, dying relation of this school to its constituents, lingering deaths because bere was nothcame training places for young collegians | Bunker Hill. who taught a year for experience and their board and clothes and then went

elsewhere to earn some money. I am very tired of hearing the decadence of this town and school spoken of by outsiders gently and sadly as one mentions the virtues of some moribund great-grand-mother.

their fathers wrought of old." Let them consider also how best to have some deeds of their own talked of in their turn. the school that did not depend on an | mated. increase of money. There is less need of apology on this

friends as this school possesses will not see it crippled. It was my task to set before you the needs are numerous enough, not so vast | shining men.

topes are great.

noon, and before the programme was finished had succeeded in roasting some takes day pupils is trying to harmonize of the old boys in a most entertaining his taking the opposite direction alone. manner. He said that all gathered here did honor to the old school, leaving a not add another to their number. I crown decked with a thousand laurels

> have thus far made of life I owe much of of virtue and manliness, it to the training and discipline received respond to the first toast, "Our Green Mountain State."

Vermont, said Mr. Bell, is a name to ter than this one. which all sons and daughters are ever loyal and true. In service to its country If a boy is bound to go into the shop it has won a name written in gold upon or mill and is kept in school only by the pages of the nation's history. In moved that a vote of thanks be extended It one might have a school in all ways tory in the world, making 25,000 pounds this occasion. He was pleased to anjust what he would like it what would of butter a day; by producing over one-nounce that despite the somewhat large new century. It the enthusiasm dishe seek? First, that the pupils should hall of the maple sugar product of the expense the voluntary contributions were played by the friends of the school at its have good natural ability so that dunces were sew. Then that they should have a world and by being most of the year one urged all who had been members of the it means that a glorious future is ahead mind to work, so that their own energy of the best states in the union to live in. school to join the alumni association might be directed to learning instead of It has the reputation of being an agriculmischief, and the energy of their teachers tural state, but its most valuable the future progress of the school. He many friends of the school, and all of be expended in teaching and not in ner- product is its boys and girls, chiefly those

> mar school. . "Caledonia County," by Charles A.

Rev. S. S. Martyn was introduced as a nie to respond to "Old Peacham." Mr The business of educating boys and Martyn spoke as one who loved not only girls is like any other business in this the old hills of Pencham but her homes. respect. You need an equipment, modern where might be reared healthy and inmachinery and raw material near at dustrious men and women to keep guard hand. The material of scholarship and over the loyalty of fathers and mothers. of inture honor is ever growing up in the The greatest inheritance that can be children of this town. But just as lack handed down is men and women. of capital may cripple a manufacturing Pencham has raised men and women, business, so the Academy lacks money to her Academy and churches have strengthdo its work in the best way as other ened them and sent them forth into the schools are doing theirs. Every school world, where they have been an honor to

"In the Early Fifties," by Rev. Moses the school can see certain directions in esting anecdotes concerning these early and to the future might be increased. together. Some people look down on

A. H. Kenerson was introduced as one must be bought and various and differing respond to "In Days of Old," Mr. Kens own composition. After the concert an editions of the same book lead to confu erson thought that the bad boy fame sion. If we had a fund of two or three would have fitted the toastmaster better hundred dollars, books might be pro- but didn't know but he might be a close vided by the school, and a small term second. He didn't see, at first, why he finely decorated with Japanese lanterns. charge on each book would replace it should have been given this toast, and when worn out, thus keeping the fund had thought of a number of the old intact. One Academy in this state has scholars who would have responded in a long had such a tund, and its uschulness more appropriate manner. But upon The lack of a physical laboratory gone. He now realized that he was no we cannot fit pupils for college in the deed is the boy who spent his early days for it means a renewal of interest in the

properly taught, none more dry and life- Mr. Parker mentioned a few things S rong and Rev. Dr. E. E. Strong and less both for teacher and pupil than text book recitations of how things behave. Peacham would not have had had it not been for her Academy, and said that Pour or five hundred dollars is very every dollar the town gave to the instimuch needed for apparatus. With a tution would be recurred doubled, horse radish bottle and a test tube all | Peacham is noted for several characterischemical work may be done, and we get | ties peculiar to hesself, and at the head along well enough in that subject, but of these is her name there not being an the electrical apparatus which was other like it on the map of the world. ample in 1797 is somewhat madequate. He said a lew good words for the Acadtoday. It is a discouraging and impostemy, and urged all triends to give it lib-

"Elucation of Women Fifty Years Ago," by Miss Sarah A. Bailey. Miss of churches and school houses, remarks about the importance of a gymnasium Bailey spoke of the great change that and of systematic bodily training. Our had taken place in the education of women in the past fifty years. Her response was made in verse and was very lack in winter time an outlet for surplus interesting. Fifty years ago women energy since the ancient sport of sliding were wise, not learned. Their ambition down bill is utterly closed to them. A then did not lead them to become doctors, lawyers, etc., and there were at that

Toastmaster McClary was now obliged to leave, and Col. George B. M. Harvey was called upon to preside. He was greeted with cheers and the Chautauqua salute, which was also given to Mr. Mc-Clary as he left the stage.

When We Were Boys Together." by L. H. Meader. Youthful enthusiasn who knows everything well enough to comes back to me, said Mr. Meader, as I visit the familiar scenes of my boyhood have we ought, in justice to them, to days here in Peacham. He spoke of the school fence and other places where the boys used to congregate for chats and mischief scheming. How the good people of Peacham took them in, not the four hundred, but into the eight hundred, and gave them as good as could be had anywhere. Peacham Academy is ing back of them but glory. They be- now reached by way of Cambridge and

"Press of Peacham," by Dr. E. R. Clark. First paper in Peacham was "The Green Mountain Patriot," the first copies being published by Goss & Farley, Feb. 17, 1798. Later this firm, with Ezekial Walton, an apprentice, moved to Montpelier and established the Vermont Watchman, also later Walton's Vermont "Let children hear the mighty deeds Register. To Rev. Leonard Worcester, an apprentice to Goss & Farley, the world probably owes as much as to any man that ever lived in Peacham. He was a I regret that I could find no way to master printer, a master mind, and the present to you any future prospect of good work he did cannot be over esti-

"The Men We Breed," by Thad Stevens Varnum. Mr. Varnum responded in a occasion than usual. Such a body of poem, well written and interesting, culogizing the men of Peacham Academy She mas a list thickly set with men, holding high positions wherever they have hopes and the needs of the Academy. Its located. None stand above Peacham's

"The Old Lyceum," by John C. Stew. long as this lovely land sends up its sons art. Mr. Stewart said there never was and daughters to the ancient school its a more serious time in the scholar's life than when he stood in the halls of the old Academy and argued some question pro or con. Old Demosthenes himself would have been put to shame if he had Martin Eugene McClary of Malone, happened in on some of those occasions, N. Y., was the toastmaster of the after- He remembered distinctly a debate that took place one night after the lyceum was out which resulted in the other fellow going off with a pretty young lady and

"The Rising Generation," by Mrs. Mina Merrill Hooker. By developing thecharacter of our children in our schools we are doing good for the rising generation. believe the school does not need to look made dear by many old scholars. It is Our Academy has had a glorious past; good to be here to recall a splendid past what must be its future depends upon the and to predict a glorious future; to give rising generation. We hear much of the boy and girl within the circle of its tribute to Peacham Academy and to everything that is good, and may the present influence the opportunity for as Chas. A. Bunker. Whatever success I coming man also maintain a high ideal

"Our Friends," by Marshall Montup like the manufacturing town where it in Peacham Academy under the direction this school, the triends of Peacham. of Chas, A. Bunker. Mr. McClary then Everybody that knows about this school introduced Hon. Charles J. Bell to is a friend to it. Peacham has worked hard to maintain its school and it has a good one. All of us here and many who were not able to come love no town bet-

Col. Harvey now closed the afternoon's speech making. He said much praise was due those who had taken great pains more recent times it has achieved fame especially to Mrs. Charles A. Bunker and by having the largest butter manufac- in general to all the committees and school and if we can get some money in then announced that as a starter they wanted \$500, of which the finance committee would give \$250. Theother \$250 was raised in about three minutes. A M. Ricker, Elmore Parker, Mr. Flint, quickly swelled the amount to \$750 and then Col. Harvey wanted a thousand and said the finance committee would give \$125 more. The desired amount was quickly obtained. Mrs. M. C. Wheeler gave \$25, a gentleman triend of Mrs. Bunker's \$50, Dr. L. F. Parker \$25, and there were a number who gave \$10, \$15 and \$20. When the \$1000 was obtained three rousing cheers were given for Col. Harvey and then music closed the afternoon's exercises.

Evening.

Another concert was given in the Congregational church in the evening to accommodate the many who were crowded out the night before. About enjoyed the programme, which though not as long was fully as good as the one The purchase of school books is a seri-sentiment. But sentiment is thought of the evening before. Both the orchesous charge upon pupils of slender means. flooded with being, and I am glad that trus played several selections and there were clarinet and violin solos. Prof. Conaut rendered a very pleasing solo, will not take studies because a new book of the former bad boys of the school to "Lead Thou Me on," with music of his Harvey of New York who worked hard interview at the Academy hall was largely attended. The grounds were

enjoyed by all.

Music was furnished by the Neapolitan

orebestra. A pleasant social time was

During the noon hour Thursday a marker of the Sons of the American Revolution was placed on the grave of ate ceremonies, by his grandson, Willie Strong of Aburndale, Mass., with prayer "Our Academy," by Hazen M. Parker. by Rev. S. S. Martyn, remarks by Wm.

> Two other graves of Revolutionary Major Blake, I. G. Blake, a descendent. second verse of America was sung. At it possible that I was born up here the grave of Edward Clark, the builder were made by E. W. Clark, his grandson. this new observatory it may be said

Congregational church for 50 cents and beauty that seen from the summit of at the Methodist church business was 'Cow Hill' in the town of Peacham." done on the European plan. Wednesday the expected crowd was not present on account of the rain, but the caterers did a rushing business Thursday. Good meals were furnished, and the crowd expressed their satisfaction.

The two concerts were a great success. The receipts, \$250 the first night and \$130 the second, were a great help in defraying the expenses of the centennial.

Col. Harvey richly deserved the cheers given him at the close of the session Thursday afternoon. He picked \$625 out of the crowd in a few minutes and the \$375 from the finance committee raised it to \$1,000. The quick response to the call for aid showed the strong attachment the old scholars have for the school. They have contributed money where there was need of it and where it will do much good. The \$1,000 was raised to \$1,500 during the evening.

The work of the chorus of about 50 voices, under the direction of Prof. H. H. May, was one of the pleasing features of the two days' exercises. Mr. May has been drilling the chorus for several weeks past and the thoroughness of his work was plainly manifest. His solo work tal and vocal music for the occasion was also greatly enjoyed by all.

furnished through the generosity of or five days and the people never tired of listening to the sweet music from the their instruments, but they could give in a most pleasing manner songs in the in the state and they performed their selections to perfection.

Many of the speakers had been stu not fail to thank him for the discipline and training received under his direction during their school life in Caledonia County Grammar school. Many were the words of praise Prof. Bunker received for the faithful and efficient manner in 28 years' service as principal, and well does he deserve it all.

Prof. Cambridge presented in a clear manner a few of the things the Academy at once needed and that \$1500 will go a long ways towards obtaining them. The professor was inclined to think that while they could get along well enough in chemical work with a horse radish bottle and a test tube they did need a little improvement in the electrical appar atus of 1797 to bring them up a little nearer modern times in that branch of learning. The improved electrical apparatus will probably soon be added to the

Academy's equipment. The time is near at hand to begin the first term of the first school year of the which had just been organized to aid in behind. Such indeed is the hope of the regretted that out of the 400 old students | these who visited Peacham last week present but 100 had up to that time and became again acquainted with the joined the association. This association old familiar scenes left the town with a is going to do a great work for this desire to do everything possible to foster the usefulness and prosperity of Peacham

Miss Tirzah M. Guv sold a large num her of the beautiful souvenir book which she compiled and had printed at the CALEDONIAN office. It was just the thing that many of the old students were look ing for. Mrs. C. L. Browne had on sale pictures of the Academy and grounds, which found ready purchasers among the visitors.

It is reported that there were about 500 graduates and pupils present during the exercises of the two days. Peacham did herselt proud in entertaining her many visitors and made the stay so pleasant that they were reluctant to leave. A number stayed over to enjoy a few days longer the scenery and splendid air of the pretty little town.

The song Wednesday afternoon by Ira G. Blake, "This is My Dream," the wores of his own composition, was a spendid thing and the audience showed their appreciation in hearty applause. Extra copies of the Calebonian con-

taining both day's exercises can be obtained of Mrs. C. L. Brown, East Peacham. Price 5 cents each, six for 25 cents. Miss T. M. Guy had a good sale of her illustrated souvenir and has still some copies left. The price of the souvenir is 50 cents, and all former students of the

Academy should have a copy. Of the \$1500 raised at the centennial \$425 was given by Col. George B. M. and long to make the occasion a great

A Sequel to the Centennial.

After such an enthusiastic and profitable gathering of the alumni of this old "Caledonia County Grammar school," the name as heard in olden days, it is not strange that many visitors, especially those born in this town unrivalled for its beautiful scenery and sterling integrity of its first settlers, should linger a few days about the scenes of their childhood and school days. Hence a number of the older alumni remained over Friday, visiting the cemetery, the new observatory creeted by the generosity of those men whose names appear in the singing of the first verse of America by records of the centennial committee and other places. All available teams were used Friday, conveying visitors to the soldiers were visited. At the grave of observatory on the summit of Academy me. hill, where one of the finest views can be made a few remarks, and prayer was had of the White, Franconia and Green offered by Rev. Dr. E. E. Strong. The Mountain ranges. Said one visitor: "Is among these grand old hills?"

Reterring to the splendid view from prayer was offered by Rev. P. B. Fisk, that that noted traveler Rev. Starr and the last verse of America was sung King, who had traversed all the world's W. H. Bayley of Peacham and S. D. great mountains and whose writings Atwood of St. Johnsbury were amply were so popular a third of a century ago, prepared to provide the crowd with said: "Of all the landscape scenery I meals. Dinners were furnished at the have looked upon none surpasses for

When such a traveler calls this view the "gem" of all his travels, it is no wonder that those born here, and whose subsequent lives have been confined to city walls, should now wonder why they did not appreciate this heauty of scenery while they lingered here in childhood.

It is no wonder that after what we witnessed during the celebration of last week that it is hard to leave this lovely spot of earth and go back to the hum drum of business life. Hence lingering here, those of us who are natives of this 'goodly heritage' had our "after celebrations," and none were more enjoyable than the one held at the residence of Dea. James R. Kinerson Friday evening. It came as a surprise party. About 25 first arrived and then others hearing of the occasion came flocking to the residence of this highly respected couple. Among them were Leverett Hand, Miss Saral Hand, Mr. and Mrs. John Flint, Mrs. Samuel Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Loud of Fall River, Mass., Miss Abbie Chamberlain of Washington, D. C., Miss Tirza Guy, Mr. and Mrs. Royal B. Kinerson o Boston, Mr. Ingraham of Watertown, Mass., and his daughter of Newton Mass., Rev. Mr. Williams, Mrs. Elsie Choate Merrill, Mrs. Caroline Bickford Varnum of Iowa and Ira G. Blake of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Blake in an impromptu manner furnished instrumen besides quoting some original verses written in review of this notable event. The Neapolitan orchestra of New York, Mr. Blake remembers distinctly the 50th anniversary of the old school, and he Col. George B. M. Harvey, was here four | embodied in a happy strain some of the events of that occasion. The evening was spent with much pleasure and the visitors were royally entertained by their stringed instruments. The orchestra host and hostess, Deacon and Mrs. Kinconsisted of five sons of Italy, and they erson. We presume there were many were not only perfect manipulators of other and similar gatherings in the town

None of us can go away except with enthusiasm, varied, of course, according Italian language. The Sherman orchestra | to their age. It would be an impossiof Burlington was here during the two | bility for each visitor to appreciate every days. This is one of the best orchestras | phase of this centennial, conducted, as it was, by the "young blood," who most naturally had in mind the more recent events of school life. There were present dents under Prof. Bunker, and they did only 28 who attended this school prior to the 50th anniversary and 98 who attended the school prior to the adminis tration just closed. Could the older alumni have voiced their sentiment, the hills and valleys of this grand old town would have reverberated with the praises which he performed his work during his of the teachers like Bartlett, Chase, Paul, Bradley, Rix, Miller, Pearson, Thompson and so on, and the spiritual teachers like the sainted Worcester, Merrill and Boutelle but time and circumstances forbade. But we doubt whether the younger element enjoyed more than these older ones this notable event in the old and glorious town of Peacham.

ONE OF THE ALUMNI.



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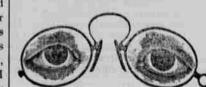
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